In the Claims:

The following claims will replace all prior versions of claims in this application.

1. (Previously Presented) An apparatus, comprising: arrangement of a motor on twin landing gears on a semi-trailer of a tractor-trailer, wherein the landing gears are interconnected via a connecting shaft and can be telescoped by starting up the motor, wherein a driveshaft of the motor directly engages with the connecting shaft and the motor is supported on a component that is fixed relative to the motor, and wherein a spring element is arranged between the motor and the fixed component.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the spring element comprises a spiral spring, a torsion element or a shock absorber.

4. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the torsion element comprises an elastic hose.

5. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the fixed component is at least one of the two landing gears.

6. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in Claim 5, wherein a spiral spring or a torsion element is non-rotatably mounted to at least one of the landing gears and to the motor.

7. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in Claim 5, wherein a spiral spring or a torsion element at least partially surrounds the connecting shaft.

8. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in Claim 4, wherein

the connecting shaft is arranged within the spiral spring or the torsion element without contacting the spiral spring or torsion element.

9. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the fixed component is the underside of a semi-trailer floor.

10. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in Claim 9, wherein the spiral spring or the shock absorber is arranged between the motor and the underside of the semi-trailer floor.

11. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in Claim 10, wherein the spiral spring comprises an upper and a lower partial spring disposed on a guide tube, and the outer ends of said partial springs can each be mounted via a limit stop, wherein a mounting bushing is disposed on the guide tube between the upper and the lower partial spring.

12. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in Claim 11, wherein the mounting bushing or the gas shock absorber is connected with the motor at a stop point.

13. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in Claim 11, wherein the guide tube is placed onto an inner tube with which it can be connected in various positions in axial direction.

14. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the connecting shaft is fixed to and is adapted to co-rotate with the driveshaft.

15. (Withdrawn) An apparatus, comprising: arrangement of a motor on twin landing gears on a semi-trailer of a tractor-trailer, wherein the landing gears are interconnected via a connecting shaft and can be telescoped by starting up the motor, wherein a driveshaft of the motor directly engages with the connecting shaft

and the motor is supported on a component that is fixed relative to the motor, and wherein a spring element is arranged between the driveshaft and the connecting shaft.

16. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the spring element is an elastic sleeve, a belt drive or a slip coupling.

17. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in Claim 16, wherein the elastic sleeve is configured as an air chamber sleeve.

18. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the fixed component is at least one of the landing gears, a semi-trailer floor or a vehicle support member, wherein the fixed component is rigidly connected with the motor.

19. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in Claim 16, wherein the elastic sleeve is non-rotatably mounted on the connecting shaft and the driveshaft.

20. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in Claim 16, wherein the belt drive comprises a drive belt, which loops around a driving wheel non-rotatably mounted on the driveshaft and a driven wheel non-rotatably mounted on the connecting shaft.

21. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in Claim 20, wherein the drive belt is made of an elastic material.

22. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in Claim 20, wherein a fixed, elastically supported tension roller engages with the drive belt.

23. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in Claim 16, wherein the slip coupling has a driving gear wheel with internal teeth which is mounted on the driveshaft and engages with a complementary driven gear wheel with external teeth

which is mounted on the connecting shaft, wherein the driving gear wheel and/or the driven gear wheel is mounted on the driveshaft or the driven shaft in a non-positive fit with a predefinable friction coefficient.

24. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the driveshaft is configured as a hollow shaft.

25. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in Claim 24, wherein the hollow shaft has a circular cross section.

26. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein (a) the motor is not self-locking, (b) the motor comprises an electric motor, or (c) the motor is designed for a torque of 5 to 15 Nm, or combinations thereof.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Canceled)

29. (New) An apparatus, comprising: arrangement of a motor on twin landing gears on a semi-trailer of a tractor-trailer, wherein the landing gears are interconnected via a connecting shaft and can be telescoped by starting up the motor, wherein a driveshaft of the motor directly engages with the connecting shaft and the motor is supported on a component that is fixed relative to the motor, wherein a spring element is arranged between the motor and the fixed component, and wherein the motor is located between the landing gears.

30. (New) An apparatus as claimed in Claim 29, wherein the spring element comprises a spiral spring, a torsion element or a shock absorber.

31. (New) An apparatus as claimed in Claim 30, wherein the torsion element comprises an elastic hose.

32. (New) An apparatus as claimed in Claim 29, wherein the fixed component is at least one of the two landing gears.

33. (New) An apparatus as claimed in Claim 32, wherein a spiral spring or a torsion element is non-rotatably mounted to at least one of the landing gears and to the motor or wherein a spiral spring or a torsion element at least partially surrounds the connecting shaft.

34. (New) An apparatus as claimed in Claim 31, wherein the connecting shaft is arranged within the spiral spring or the torsion element without contacting the spiral spring or torsion element.

35. (New) An apparatus as claimed in Claim 29, wherein the connecting shaft is fixed to and is adapted to co-rotate with the driveshaft.